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PROFESSOR MARSH's exploring party returned to Fort Bridger, Wyoming, Sept. 5th, after a most successful trip of six weeks, among the Eocene fossils of the Uintah mountain region. Many interesting discoveries were made, especially of new mammals, birds and reptiles. The party are now at work in Oregon, and will return east in December.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. M. Mass.—The objects sent are an early and peculiar stage of development of a fresh water polyzoon. They are popularly labelled "eggs" of *Cristatella*, but more accurately statoblasts or pseud-ova.—R. H. W.

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